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GENEVA MESSAGE NO. 9

AT MEETING OF RW(MDW)/CW BILATERALS WITH SOVIETS TODAY,
MAY 13, 1977, BUCHHEIM READ FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. AMBASSADOR, IT HAS ONLY BEEN A SHORT TIME SINCE THE
TWO SIDES COMPLETED THE SECOND ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS ON
CHEMICAL WEAPONS. TODAY, A MONTH LATER, WE ARE BEGINNING
THE THIRD ROUND OF OUR CONSULTATIONS.

THIS ROUND REPRESENTS THE FIRST SESSION OF THE JOINT
WORKING GROUP ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED
DURING SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE'S VISIT TO MOSCOW IN LATE
MARCH. WE HOPE THAT THE FORMATION OF THIS WORKING GROUP
WILL FACILITATE THE JOINT US-SOVIET EFFORTS TO AGREE ON
A COMMON APPROACH TO PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS. FOR
OUR PART, WE SHALL DO OUR BEST TO MAKE THE GROUP'S
WORK FRUITFUL.

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SINCE THIS IS THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS
WORKING GROUP, THE US SIDE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
TO DISCUSS SEVERAL GENERAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS AT
THE OUTSET. IN OUR VIEW A COMMON VIEW OF THESE MATTERS WILL
FACILITATE THE GROUP'S WORK.

IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A COMMON

UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE TASK ENTRUSTED TO THE GROUP. THE US SIDE CONSIDERS THE FUNCTION OF THE GROUP TO BE CONSIDERATION OF A JOINT INITIATIVE ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS, PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT REACHED AT THE JULY 1974 SUMMIT MEETING. IN OTHER WORDS, THE GROUP'S SESSIONS REPRESENT A CONTINUATION OF OUR ALREADY INITIATED BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON A CHEMICAL WEAPONS PROHIBITION.

AS IN THE PAST, WE ANTICIPATE THAT MUCH OF THE FUTURE WORK OF THE GROUP WILL BE CONDUCTED IN GENEVA WHILE THE CCD IS IN SESSION. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT AS A RULE THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CCD WOULD HEAD THE US SIDE DURING THE GROUP'S DISCUSSIONS.

ONCE DISCUSSION OF A SPECIFIC TEXT FOR A JOINT INITIATIVE BEGINS, THE GROUP'S WORK WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INTENSIFY. IN VIEW OF THE PROSPECT FOR A VERY ACTIVE CCD SESSION THIS SUMMER, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN CCD DUTIES AND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WORKING GROUP OVERLAP. FOR THIS REASON, THE US BELIEVES IT MAY BE USEFUL FOR EACH SIDE TO DESIGNATE AN ALTERNATE HEAD OF DELEGATION, SO THAT THE WORKING GROUP'S SESSIONS CAN CONTINUE EVEN WHEN THE HEADS OF DELEGATION ARE ENGAGED IN CARRYING OUT THEIR CCD OR OTHER DUTIES.

WE WOULD WELCOME THE COMMENTS OF THE SOVIET SIDE ON ANY OF THESE MATTERS.

AS THE SOVIET SIDE NOTED DURING THE BILATERAL CW
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CONSULTATIONS LAST MONTH, TECHNICAL ISSUES RELATED TO PROHIBITION HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXPLORED IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL. WHILE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE NECESSARY WHEN WE HAVE FULLY DIGESTED THE RESULTS OF THE LAST ROUND, THE US SIDE HAS NO ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL COMMENTS TO MAKE AT THIS STAGE OF OUR CONSULTATIONS. OF COURSE, WE WOULD DO OUR BEST TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS THE SOVIET SIDE MAY HAVE.

WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF BEGINNING WORK ON THE TEXT OF A JOINT INITIATIVE, THE POSITION OF THE US SIDE HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE THE ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS HELD A MONTH AGO. UNTIL THE INTERNAL POLICY REVIEW NOW UNDERWAY IN THE US GOVERNMENT IS COMPLETED, THE US SIDE WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATION ON THE LANGUAGE OF A JOINT DOCUMENT. IT IS OUR EXPECTATION, HOWEVER, THAT THIS REVIEW WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THAT THE US SIDE WILL BE ABLE TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL BY THE TIME OF THE NEXT ROUND. MR. PHELPS AND DR. MIKULAK WILL BE

RETURNING TO WASHINGTON ON SATURDAY IN ORDER TO HELP
EXPEDITE THIS WORK.

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